

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 408 MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Sing praise to God who reigns above"

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity (*said by all*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria – S279

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,
al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14

Sung by the Cantor

¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

³ Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *

there is none who does good; no, not one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *

who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?

⁵ See how they tremble with fear, *

because God is in the company of the righteous.

⁶ Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *

but the LORD is their refuge.

⁷ Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *

when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 423

ST. DENIO

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

The Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
God of love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our Bishops, for Jeff, our Bishop-Elect, and for Marissa, our Rector;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Andy, Liz, Ann, Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Dann and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); and we remember before you those who serve in the military, especially Matthew and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor We pray also for those who have died, especially [_____ and] those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays Lindsay Groves, Jean Campbell, and Keith DeAngelis.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by fierce flames of anger and hatred. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Out of what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationships with those who perceive us as the enemy, and show our leaders the way to use our power to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who, in reconciling love, was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all things to himself. Amen.

—*The Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold, XXV Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church*

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Then the Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People say together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn 645

ST. COLUMBA

“The King of love my shepherd is”

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology at the Presentation *sung by all* THE OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus – S131

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People say together

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People say together

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem – S155

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. The Ushers will help you move toward the center in single file, socially distanced, lines. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down.

If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymn 671

NEW BRITAIN

“Amazing grace! how sweet the sound”

If you are joining from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 334

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

“Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in F major

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805–47)

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Brautigam

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Intercessor

Anna-Kate Reis

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Andrew Leslie Cooper

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Prayer Requests *Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for six weeks. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. **You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.***

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Andy, Liz, Ann, Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John’s, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark’s, Storrs. The Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks.

Weekly Calendar – September 11 – September 18

Sunday, September 11

9:00 am
10:00am
10:00-10:40am
5:00pm

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Get Out the Vote! Letter writing party
Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)
Acolyte info/training session
9/11 Joint Vigil

Monday, September 12

7:00-9:00pm

EFM (Education for Ministry)

Tuesday, September 13

11:00 am

Staff meeting

Wednesday, September 14

7:30-9:00pm

Social Justice & Racial Healing group (Zoom)

Thursday, September 15

7:30pm-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 18

10:00am
10:15am
11:30am

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)
Church School
St. Matthew's Day – Joint Fall Kick Off



**ST. MATTHEW'S DAY
FALL KICK OFF**

**PARLOR PIZZA TRUCK
BOUNCY HOUSE
JOINT KICKOFF FUN**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



Church School Kick-Off



While the summer has been glorious, we are excited to get back into the swing of things this fall. Our Church School programming will kick-off on Sunday, September 18th along with St. Matthew's Day and joint "Welcome Back" celebration with our friends across the courtyard, Wilton Presbyterian Church!

Join Choir!

Our Chorister program offers a first-rate musical education in a friendly, fun, and safe environment. Beginning at Kindergarten, this program is open to all children. Find out more about rehearsal times on www.stmatthewswilton.org/choir or contact Andrew, our Director of Music, to get involved: andrew@stmatthewswilton.org

St. Matthew's Church Choir (high-schoolers and adults) meets on Thursday evenings and is open to anyone regardless of musical experience or faith background.

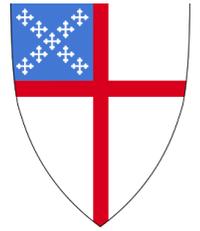


Share God's Word in Worship

St. Matt's is looking for some good readers to participate in worship as **lectors** (read the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament lessons) and **intercessors** (lead the Prayers of the People) at 10:00 am and feast day services. Youth and adults are welcome; contact Sharon Pearson (sharonepearson@gmail.com / 203-984-1228) if interested for more info.

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.

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